

Council 4 AFSCME Testimony

Labor Committee

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My name is Brian Anderson. I am a legislative and political representative for Council 4 AFSCME, a union of 35,000 Connecticut public and private employee members.

**Council 4 opposes SB 712, AAC Timely Notice of Workers' Compensation Claims to the Department of Administrative Services.**

This bill substantially changes and narrows who a state employee must report an injury to in order to be allowed to file a workers' compensation claim. Workers' compensation is a "no fault" system that was largely set up to protect employers from facing lawsuits. This system works better if it is easier for workers to give notice to an employer of their injury, as is currently the practice, rather than make it a more formalistic procedure.

Council 4 is not aware of any problems that have made this change in the law necessary.

**Council 4 also urges you to pass:**

**\* HB 6192, AAC Workers' Compensation Presumptions for MRSA for Employees of the Department of Correction**

Thank you for your consideration. I would be happy to answer any questions.